



TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

Weekly newsletter of

TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Vision: Achieving personal excellence, empowering students in a supportive community.

Respect

Integrity

Celebration

Honesty

CALENDAR



Wednesday 12 th February	-	3-6 House Swimming carnival
Friday 14 th - 21 st February	-	3-6 Beach Program 3-6 (See schedule)
Wednesday 26 th February	-	Division Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 26 th February	-	Lunch for everyone ♡ returns (Chicken & Salad rolls)
Friday 28 th February	-	Iron Person Event
Saturday 24 th February	-	Market
Monday 9 th March	-	Labour Day Public Holiday



Welcome to 2020! A warm welcome to all students, parents and community members as we embark upon the 2020 academic year at Tootgarook PS. We have a significant year planned with several major events on the horizon, as well as a year of reflection whereby we hope to engage all members of our school community in forging a long term vision for our wonderful school. We have had a very smooth start to the school year with all 233 students settling quickly into their new classes. We are however looking forward to some milder weather conditions this week. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome several new and returning staff to the Tootgarook team – Jan Costelow (Business Manager), Danika Pittard (Year 5/6) and Alana Archer (Educational Support). Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and personally welcome these new and returning staff members if you are around the school.

BEACH PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR GRADES 3-4-5-6-

Each grade's session will run to the following timetable:

9:50am- Arrive at beach in allocated groups

10:00-10:45 Rotation 1

10:45-11:15 Rotation 2

11:15-11:30 Recess (ensure students bring their snacks)

11:30-12:15 Rotation 3

12:15-1:00 Rotation 4

1:00-1:15 Free time (weather permitting)

1:15-1:30 Pack up and walk back to school



List of things students will need to bring:

- WATER
- HAT
- SUNSCREEN (Ensure students have this on prior)
- Bathers (can bring a wetsuit if they choose)
- Towel
- Rash vest
- Thongs/sandals
- Recess

14 th Feb 3/4M	17 th Feb 3/4 N	18 th Feb. 3/4 H	19 th Feb. 5/6M	20 th Feb 5/6B	21 st Feb. 5/6P
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LOCAL EXCURSION CONSENT IS ON COMPASS - At the start of each year we require parents to consent a Local Excursion and a Bus consent on Compass. The Internet Agreement and Photo Permission forms signed by parents last year will be carried over to this year however if circumstances have changed and you do not wish your child to be photographed for the newsletter or newspaper or you do not wish your child to go on the Internet please let the office know in writing.

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Swimming Our **swimming program** for Grades 1 and 2 begins on week 6 Wednesday 4th March – children will travel via the Tootgarook Bus. Parents will be required to give permission and pay (approx. \$60) via Compass. Further details to come.

School Banking continues each Tuesday with The Rye Community Bendigo Bank in Rye. The Bendigo Bank have contacted the school and letters to families with Prep were sent home last year.

Lunch Orders have commenced and are available each day **except Wednesday**. Orders must be written on a brown paper bag - a separate order for each child. Orders need to be at the school office by 9.15am.

Sunsmart

As a SunSmart school, it is school policy that our students wear their broad brimmed hats during first term as a protection against the rays of the sun. We would appreciate your support with this important life skill and ensure that your child brings their sun hat to school each day.

**Tootgarook Community Market
Thankyou
to our helpers at the December + January Markets!!**

Julie, Callum and Kaiden Andrew Woulfe, Gary Barrett, Nathan & Kayla Opie, Gail Issac, Sylvia Williams, Adele & Hazel Read, Scott & Aiden Gathercole, Cheri Przychodzki, Zoey Walker, Kirsty Holbery, Mel Peterson, Kelly Butler Noah and Darcy Robertson, Amanda Reeve, Jason Young, and Kevin Young, Cindy, Baxta, Cheye Penzo and Christine Young. Tahlia Oliver Fred Johnson Our next market will be Saturday February 22nd. Again this year each grade will be rostered on to one market each month. A roster will be published in a later newsletter.

A note will go home to each student in the grade prior to their allocated market – please endeavour to assist at your child's allocated market as funds raised benefits all students.

Lunch for everyone will be back on the 26th of February.

RUNNING CLUB

Running Club started this week on Tuesday and Thursday morning 8-8.45am. Last year we had lots of children, younger siblings and parents attend. This valuable community service can only run with the assistance of parent helpers and volunteers. If you could assist on a Tuesday and/or Thursday morning from 8-9am Julie Woulfe will continue to keep track of laps and write certificates. Thankyou Julie.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club started this week on Tuesday and Thursday morning. This program is open to all children who wish to have breakfast with their friends. This valuable community service can only run with the assistance of parent and grandparent helpers and volunteers.



Our annual **House Swimming Carnival** will be held on Wednesday 12th February - there is an expectation that children who participate are able to swim 25metres. There will be no free time swimming only children involved in the events will be attending the Carnival.

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ATTENTION HEALTH CARE CARD OR PENSION CARD HOLDERS

The Department of Education + Training again this year offering the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund of \$125 per child which is to be used towards school camps, sports and excursions.

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pension Card being eligible on **29th January** and successfully validated with Centrelink.

Please call at the school office with your Health Care Card to pick up an Application forms.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



FEBRUARY

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

	3	4 BREAKFAST CLUB RUNNING CLUB	5	6 BREAKFAST CLUB RUNNING CLUB ASSEMBLY	7
10	11 BREAKFAST CLUB RUNNING CLUB	12 TOOT SWIM CARNIVAL	13 BREAKFAST CLUB RUNNING CLUB	14 BEACH PROGRAM FOR 3/4M	
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1st Tootgarook Scout Group

26 Kevin Street, Tootgarook. Contact: 0430 001 684



Did you know that Scouting is about way more than just camping? There is plenty of adventure and physical activities to build strength and endurance, but there is so much more for children to gain! It is the perfect avenue to enhance skills spiritually, socially and emotionally, to help build good character and develop team working ability. It teaches children about the environment, their community, and our heritage. Leaders are fantastic role models, who encourage participation, problem solving, commitment and inclusion, and help build confidence, a sense of duty and respect.



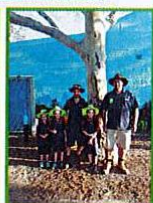
Plus, it's just so much fun!

Section Meeting Times:

Joey Scouts (aged 5-7 years):
Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30

Cub Scouts (aged 7-11 years):
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00

Scouts (aged 11-14 years):
Thursdays 7:00-9:00



Camping. Canoeing. Tyre tubing. Rafting. Hiking. Cooking. Knots and making gadgets. Navigating. Cycling. Excursions. Crafts. Woodwork. Games.

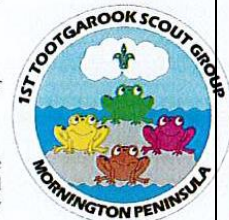
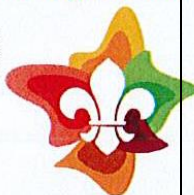
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Hop over to try 3 free sessions as a Joey Scout!

Children aged 5 to 7 are eligible to become Joey Scouts, where they can join a group and get together once a week for some fun and adventures, but there are so many other benefits to Scouting:

- Building social skills and increasing self confidence
- Developing a sense of belonging
- Enhancing emotional wellbeing
- Fine and gross motor development through crafts and games
- Character building
- Learning team work and decision making skills
- Caring for the environment, our community and our nations heritage
- Having fun, fun, FUN!



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Joey Scouts meet: Wednesdays 4:30-5:30.

Children are eligible to attend 3 free sessions to 'give it a go'. This allows parents to witness the benefits of Scouting before making a commitment. Children can commence with us at any time during a term, and enquiries can be made to our Assistant Joey Scout Leader Noel (Puggle) on 0411 067 627.



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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| laptops & tablets | lessons & activities |
| uniforms & shoes | books & supplies |
| sports fees & gear | camps & excursions |

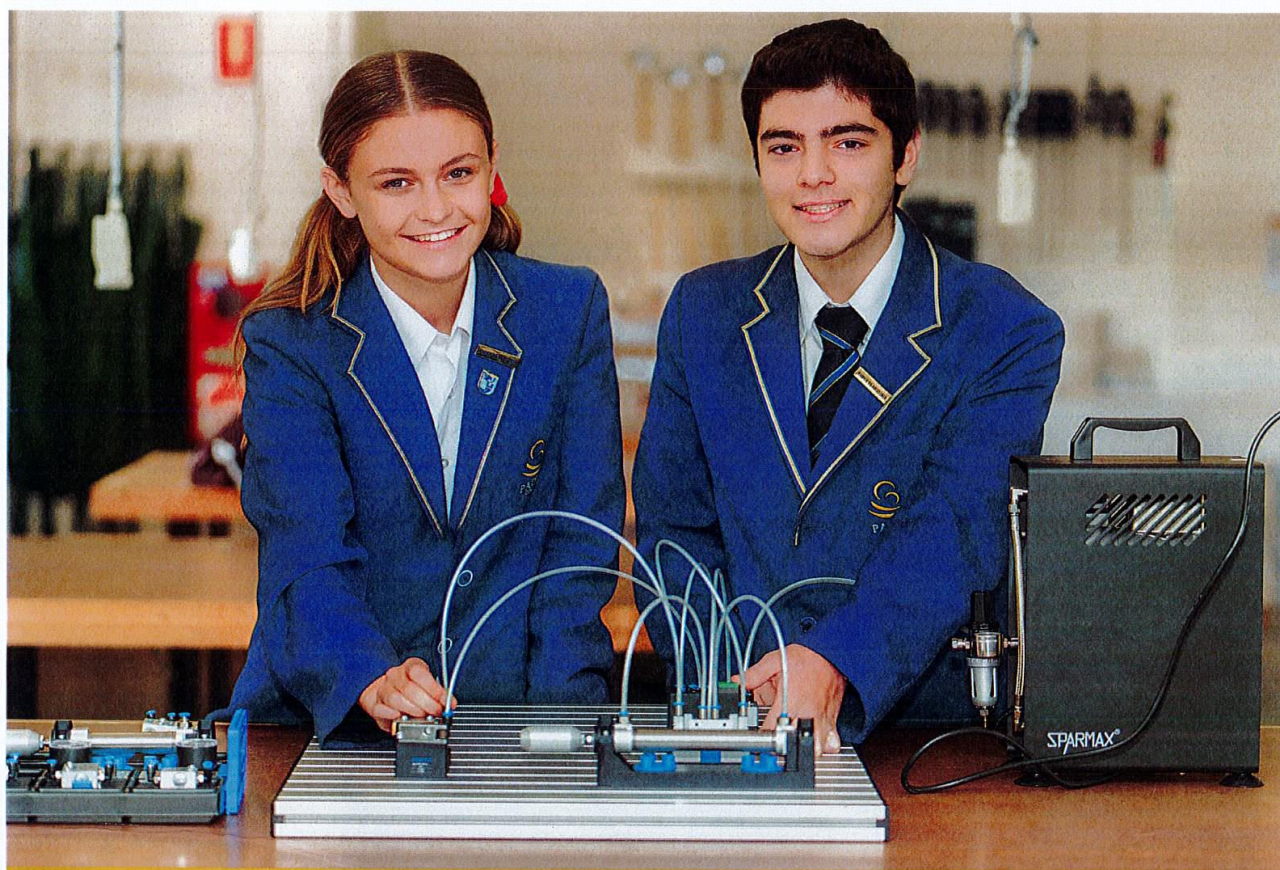
To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



* most Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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TWILIGHT OPEN DAYS 2020

Rosebud 7-9 Campus

Wednesday 11 March from 4-7pm
Inglewood Crescent T: 5982 9500

Tyabb 7-9 Campus

Wednesday 11 March from 4-7pm
1585 Frankston-Flinders Road T: 5978 2700

Mornington 7-12 Campus

Thursday 12 March from 4-7pm
Oakbank Road T: 5976 0100

Our Twilight Open Days give you the perfect opportunity to experience a taste of the curriculum, sporting, cultural and spiritual life that Padua College can offer your child.

Year 7 2022 Enrolments
open Monday 2 March 2020 and
close Friday 15 May 2020

Visit our website to enrol online or to book for the Twilight Open Day:

www.padua.vic.edu.au